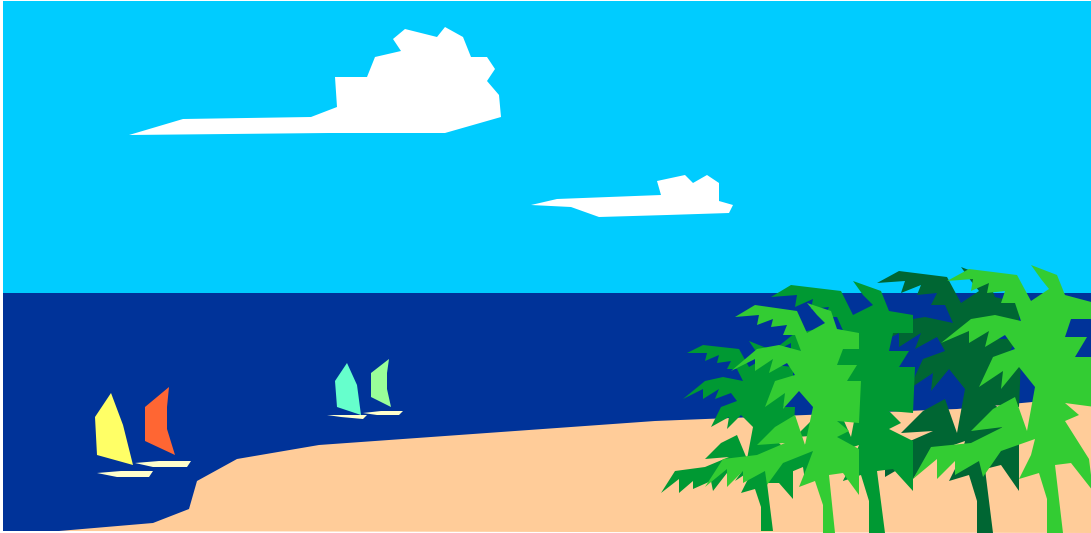


Hampton Parks and Recreation



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PARKS AND RECREATION 2020 MASTER PLAN

The City's Parks and Recreation 2020 Master Plan is the blueprint for an improved parks and recreation system for Hampton's citizens. The planning process included an evaluation of current conditions and significant citizen input to establish community goals. As an element of the Comprehensive Plan, this Master Plan establishes public policy that will guide decision makers in the future development of Hampton and provides the framework within which decisions become part of a continuous program to address our future needs.

Public policy is set through a series of recommendations for future actions. Some of the recommendations can be implemented immediately, with little or no additional funding. However, implementation of all the recommendations will require a significant investment on the part of the City. This Master Plan does not include a funding schedule, and it is not intended to be viewed as a "budget" document. Instead, it is a guideline to aid decision makers in the difficult task of evaluating choices that will affect Hampton's future. The Parks and Recreation Department will use this Master Plan in the development of annual budget requests, both in terms of operating funds and capital improvements. The adoption of this Master Plan puts those requests in the proper context, as a means to achieve the community's stated goals and objectives.

This Master Plan builds upon the significant investment the City has already made in its recreation system:

The Hamptons Golf Course	Boo Williams Basketball Court
Buckroe Park	James M. Eason Memorial Park
Darling Stadium	Senior Center
Hampton Carousel	Northampton Community Center
Sandy Bottom Nature Park	Eight (8) Neighborhood Parks
Hampton Skateboard Ramp Park	
Buckroe Beach Sand Replenishment and Pier One Renovation	

The Plan serves two specific purposes. First, when completely implemented it serves the citizens of Hampton at their desired service level by the year 2020. Second, the Plan is a tool to implement both the City's and the Parks and Recreation Department's mission statements:

City's Mission

To bring together the resources of businesses, neighborhoods, community groups and government in order to establish Hampton as the most livable city in Virginia.

Parks and Recreation's Purpose

The Hampton Parks and Recreation Department enhances the quality of life for our customers by providing a variety of safe and healthy lifelong opportunities in the areas of recreation, education, culture and the environment.

Parks and Recreation's Mission

The Hampton Parks and Recreation Department creates enriching experiences and beautiful environments for everyone to enjoy.

By design, this plan is dynamic and will change based on the expressed needs of Hampton citizens. Emerging social, economic, environmental, demographic and technological trends will also impact these plans. Hampton's emphasis on involving citizens through neighborhood planning will have a significant impact.

MANAGEMENT APPROACH

The management approach to providing services under the 2020 Plan focuses simultaneously on development of new and maintenance of older facilities. Past development has tended to target areas, which met funding criteria relative to family incomes as outlined by federal agencies. Reliance on these types of funding sources caused the city to have many underserved areas. While emphasis must be placed on balancing this inequity, at the same time, care should be taken to maintain quality services in facilities, which currently exist. Quality recreational services should be accessible to all citizens throughout the city.